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REF: A) STATE 53024, B) WARSAW 2735

1. WHILE WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT HANDLING THE BERGLAND AND FSI VISITS AT THE SAME TIME, WE DID NOT THINK IT POLITIC TO SUGGEST THAT BERGLAND CHANGE HIS WARSAW DATES. WE DID CONTACT FSI, HOWEVER, AND THEY TOLD US THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE DATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE SEMINAR VISIT. TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS, AND MOST LOCAL LOGISTICAL NEEDS HAVE ALL BEEN ARRANGED BY CONTRACT THROUGH GLOBAL TOURS, AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW FIRM FOR ALL STOPS. FSI EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEEDS OF THE EXECUTIVE SEMINAR SHOULD NOT BE BURDENSOME TO THE EMBASSY ONCE THE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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2. THE GROUP WOULD LIKE THE EMBASSY TO ARRANGE A CHARTER BUS TO TRANSPORT IT TO THE VARIOUS MEETINGS IN WARSAW AND ON THE DAY EXCURSION (PARA 3D OF REF A). ON THAT EXCURSION THE GROUP HOPES TO MEET WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS SOMEWHERE AND PERHAPS TO VISIT AN AGRICULTURAL OR TNDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE. THE IDEA IS TO SEE SOMETHING BESIDES

WARSAW, BUT THIS PLAN WOULD ALSO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF BUNCHING WITH THE BERGLAND VISIT.

3. AS FOR THE EMBASSY BRIEFING, THE GROUP WILL HAVE BEEN BRIEFED HERE BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES. THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE, AND THIS COULD BE FOLLOWED BY WHATEVER DISCUSSIONS WITH SECTION CHIEFS OR OTHERS THAT COULD BE ARRANGED WITHOUT TAXING YOUR RESOURCES. IF THERE IS A RECEPTION FOR BERGLAND AND THE GROUP COULD BE ACCOMMODATED, I AM SURE THEY WOULD WELCOME INCLUSION.

4. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE BURDEN FOR YOU WOULD BE SUPPLYING AN ESCORT OFFICER FOR THE GROUP'S MEETINGS WITH POLISH OFFICIALS AND ON ITS TRIP TO THE COUNTRY.

5. BIB IS READY WITH ITS REPLY TO THE POLISH COMPLAINT ABOUT RFE AND WE SHOULD HAVE IT TO TRANSMIT TO YOU SHORTLY. THE REPLY HAS BEEN DRAWN UP BY BIB, AND WE HAVE REVIEWED IT IN DRAFT AND WILL GO OVER IT AGAIN BEFORE CLEARING THE CABLE. ALL FIVE BIB BOARD MEMBERS HAVE APPROVED IT, ALONG WITH JOHN HAYES, PRESIDENT OF THE RFE/RL BOARD. ALEX BUCHAN AND BILL BUELL, WHO ARE IN TOWN, HAVE ALSO READ IT.

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6. BIB HAS ASKED THAT WE SEND THE CABLE STADIS SO AS TO KEEP IT AWAY FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH CONDUITS TO THE RADIOS UNTIL YOU HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO PRESENT IT TO THE POLES. A COPY WILL THEN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE RADIOS, ALONG WITH A REMINDER TO WORK WITHIN THE GUIDELINES. VANCE

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